

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-17 and 19. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings including;

(a) a planar tool body member having a top portion, a center portion, and a bottom portion, the bottom portion tapering to a hard edge, the center portion including, in register, a lever pocket and a lifter plate pocket, the top portion including a striking surface extending perpendicularly from one side of the planar tool body member, the striking surface including an aperture accessing the lever pocket and the lifter plate pocket;

(b) a planar lifter plate member biasedly mounted against the lifter plate pocket of the tool body member; and

(c) an angled, lever bar member having a cross section greater in width than in thickness, the lever bar member tapered at one end to facilitate insertion thereof into the tool body member lever pocket via the aperture in the striking surface;

(d) whereby the planar tool body member is driven between a wall and a trim piece secured to the wall, the angled, lever bar member is inserted into the lever pocket and pivoted at one edge thereof, to force the lifter plate member away from the lifter plate pocket of the planar tool body member, thereby separating the trim piece from the wall.

2. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 1 wherein, the lifter plate member is biasedly mounted against the lifter plate pocket on pin members extending from the tool body member, the pins capturing spring members which provide biasing of the lifter plate member.

3. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 2 wherein, the pin members extend from the tool body member adjacent and parallel the top portion striking surface.

4. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 2, further including a stop structure secured to the tool body member, the stop structure protecting the pin members and biasing spring members when driving the tool body member between a wall and a trim piece.

5. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 4 wherein, the pin members extend from the stop structure to the tool body member.

6. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 1, further including a handle member removably secured to the striking surface for positioning the tool body member against a wall.

7. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 6 wherein, the striking surface includes pin-accepting apertures at opposite ends thereof, the handle member secured by a handle pin member inserted into a selected pin-accepting aperture.

8.(original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 1 wherein, the lifter plate pocket has a surface area greater than the lever pocket surface area.

9. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 1 wherein, the tool body member, the lifter plate member and the lever bar member are fabricated from a metallic material.

10 -17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings including;

(a) a planar tool body member having a top portion, a center portion, and a bottom portion, the bottom portion tapering to a hard edge, the center portion including, in register, a lever pocket and a lifter plate pocket, the top portion including a striking surface extending perpendicularly from one side of the planar tool body member, the striking surface including an aperture accessing the lever pocket and the lifter plate pocket;

(b) a planar lifter plate member biasedly mounted against the lifter plate pocket of the tool

body member on pin members extending from the tool body member, the pins capturing spring members which provide biasing of the lifter plate member;

(c) a stop structure secured to the tool body member, the stop structure protecting the pin members and biasing spring members upon driving the tool body member between a wall and a trim piece; and

(d) an angled, lever bar member having a cross section greater in width than in thickness, the lever bar member tapered at one end to facilitate insertion thereof into the tool body member lever pocket via the aperture in the striking surface; and

(e) a handle member removably secured to the striking surface for positioning the tool body member against a wall;

(f) ~~(e)~~ whereby the planar tool body member is driven between a wall and a trim piece secured to the wall, the angled, lever a bar member is inserted into the lever pocket and pivoted at one edge thereof, to force the lifter plate member away from the lifter plate pocket of the planar tool body member, thereby separating the trim piece from the wall.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 18 ~~19~~ wherein, the striking surface includes pin-accepting apertures at opposite ends thereof, the handle member secured by a handle pin member inserted into a selected pin-accepting aperture.

21. (currently amended) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 18 ~~17~~ wherein, the lifter plate pocket has a surface area greater than the lever pocket surface area.

22. (original) The device for removal of woodwork or trim from the interior or exterior of buildings of claim 18 wherein, the tool body member, the lifter plate member and the lever bar member are fabricated from a metallic material.